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Progressive use of Hindi

4015. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
KUMAI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) with a view of elevate Hindi to the status of an official language the steps taken by the Government during the year 1990-91 for its progressive use;

(b) whether in some non-Hindi speaking states the measures taken of the progress of Hindi are not adequate; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFIARS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). According to Article 343 (1) of the Constitution, Hindi is the Official Language of the Union. The question of elevating it to the status Official Language, therefore, does not arise. In order to ensure progressive use of Hindi for the various official purposes of the Union, a programme is prepared every year by the Government of India and all the Ministries/Departments/ Officers/Undertakings etc. of the Central Government, located in Hindi as well as in non-Hindi speaking states? Take appropriate action to ensure compliance thereof. An Annual Programme for the Progressive use of Hindi had ben prepared for the year 1990-91 also for all the Central Government Offices in Hindi as well as in non-Hindi speaking states.

Bagaliar Hydel Project

4016. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bagliar hydel project in J&K is pending clearance with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the proposed project will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Bagliar Hydro-electric Project in J&K has been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority. It has also been cleared from the Environment and Forest angles. The investment decision on its execution in the Central Sector through the National Hydro elecrc Power Corporaton will be taken after avalablity of resources has been tied-up

Staff Artists of Media as Regular Government Servants

4018. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to make staff artists of the two official media viz, AIR and Doordarshan as regular Government servants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF UNFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government have